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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
MASAAKI NAKABAYASHI, ET AL.	)	Examiner: A. Chang
Application No.: 09/401,660	)	Group Art Unit: 2872
Filed: September 23, 1999	)	
For: DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL ELEMENT	)	
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE	)	
OF THE SAME	)	September 4, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:


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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2).

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

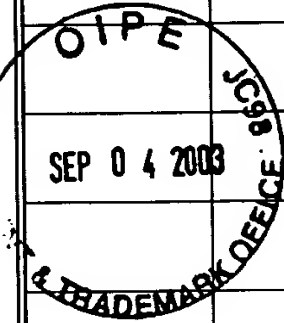
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